Chicagoan Cites Biddle, Hoover In Sedition Case

Gen. Francis Biddle and Director J Edgar Hover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were named yesterday in a District Court suit designed to prevent them or "their agents" from "making unfounded charges or taking any illegal action" against Newell Mecartney, who brought the action.

Mecartney stated he was brought to trial on sedition charges in Chicago in January, 1943, that he was convicted, but later a new trial was granted to him and, upon motion by the United States attorney, the indictment was finally dismissed.

Mecartney, an attorney, charges the Department of Justice of having deprived him of his constitutional rights and also asks the court to order that "the full names and addresses of all agents and attorneys who were assigned by the department" to the case be turned over to him. Although the suit does not ask for any money damages, it "does not waive such claims."